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EXAMINER:

FOR: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO DECODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS, VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM, AND VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM

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